

Minutes from Finance Committee Meeting
11/4/2013

Chairman Wally Hess called the meeting to order at 7pm in the Brenner Library Room. Also present were Frank Hassler, June Michaels, Laurene Wessel, Mike Lamoureux and Bill Wagner.

Minutes from the October 21st meeting were reviewed and action deferred until the next meeting.

FinCom Reserve Transfer Requests

A request for \$7200 to outfit the new police cruiser with equipment from the old trade-in and repair/upgrade it was discussed. Frank Hassler moved, Laurene Wessel seconded and the committee voted 5 to 1 to approve the request contingent upon verification of the balance required and assurances that trade-in reimbursements were applied first. The action was also agreed to with the understanding that the amount transferred would be recouped from the Parking Meter fund at the spring STM, if possible.

A request for \$6861 for funds necessary to complete the acquisition of the Town's new parking meters was discussed. Laurene Wessel moved, June Michaels seconded and the Committee voted 5 to 1 to approve, contingent upon the spring STM refreshing the amount from the Parking Meter fund, if possible.

New Format Discussion for Letter to the Voters for ATM

Wally Hess reported upon a meeting himself, Bill Wagner and Linda Saunders on the subject. Linda reportedly liked the approach and had a lot of good suggestions for added material. She agreed to the concept of reducing the number of lines in the Tables of Estimates, to include only one for Labor, for Operating Expense, for P&B and for debt service, with special issue lines and footnotes to denote significant changes. Also discussed was a footnote to the labor lines indicating that individual compensation schedules were on file (as approved in the standard Article 4 preceding Article 5 discussions). Linda agreed to set up a meeting with the Board of selectmen to discuss the proposed changes. The date of the meeting will be November 26. The Committee will discuss our presentation to the BOS at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.